

CITY OF GAHANNA
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – November 1, 2006

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Marlene Eader called the Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to order on Monday, November 1, 2006 at 7:05 p.m. in the Finance Conference Room at the City of Gahanna Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Diane Cantrell
Marlene Eader
Luke Messinger
Dot Micacchion
Eric Miller
Dave Thom
Vincent Tremante

In attendance from the City Administration: Mr. Tony Collins, Director of Parks and Recreation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board members reviewed the Minutes of the October 4, 2006 regular meeting. Mr. Thom noted there is a correction on the minutes regarding motion to adjourn. Mr. Thom was absent from the meeting. Mr. Miller stated he made the motion.

Thom made a **MOTION** to approve the **Minutes of the October 4, 2006 regular meeting**; as amended; and the **Minutes of the October 23, 2006 special meeting**; seconded by Tremante. **On roll call vote:** Cantrell, Yes; Eader, Yes; Messinger, Yes; Micacchion, Yes; Miller, Yes; Thom, Yes; and Tremante, Yes. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Rich Pontius, RP Hughes Architects, Inc.
Mr. Delhendorf

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Thom made a **MOTION** to approve the November 1, 2006 Agenda; seconded by Micacchion. **On roll call vote:** Micacchion, Yes; Miller, Yes; Thom, Yes; Tremante,

Yes; Cantrell, Yes; Eader, Yes; and Messinger, Yes. **The motion carried 7-0. The November 1, 2006 Agenda was approved, as submitted.**

VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Cathy Koch
Lori Sobul
Kathy Culp
Rich Pontius, RP Hughes Architects, Inc.
Mr. Delhendorf

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Cathy Koch – 695 Codet Road, Gahanna a volunteer and fundraiser at the Dog Park thanked the City of Gahanna for the park. Ms. Koch expressed concern with the conditions at the park. The fence is damaged in several areas, which allows dogs to escape and there is a drainage and mud problem at the park.

Lori Sobul – 1239 Bayboro Drive, New Albany expressed concern about dogs at the athletic fields. Ms. Sobul stressed the importance of socializing dogs, she feels that dogs should not be allowed on the playing field, but should be allowed at the park.

Kathy Culp – 846 North Stygler Road, Gahanna, stated she did not know about the special board meeting held on October 23, 2006, but is sorry to hear the decision to ban dogs at the parks. Ms. Culp stated there are several options other than to ban dogs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pet Ordinance

Tony Collins stated at the Special Parks & Recreation Board meeting on October 23, 2006 the Board came to a decision on a temporary ban on dogs at McCorkle Park that was given to Legal Council and Clerk of Council. The Ordinance was presented to City Council and approved as Ordinance 563.19. This is a temporary solution until the end of the 2006 football season.

Mr. Collins stated the Parks & Recreation Board will host a public meeting to discuss the Pet Ordinance in January or February 2007.

Mr. Delhendorf

Mr. Delhendorf stated that his company was asked to withdraw their application because the previous plan had a lot of controversy.

Collins explained the administration policy for Park Land Dedication is usable parkland that can be conglomerated and built to cover our surface areas throughout the community and created into usable park space. Open space would recommend

that you preserve your riparian corridor by including preservation zones and maximizing the amount of open space and tree corridors that is great open space. But it is not usable Park Land Dedication. It is consistent with the policy and how the City has been working with other development projects.

NEW BUSINESS:

“2025 Facility Master Plan Study”

Collins explained that in May the City of Gahanna administration began a project “2025 Facility Master Plan Study”. It is an analysis of all the city facilities; the Municipal building, Police building, senior building, Park Maintenance building, Clubhouse, Fleet Maintenance building and the Service Maintenance building and the possibility of a Community Center.

Collins introduced Rich Pontius from RP Hughes Architects, Inc. Pontius discussed the draft plans of a tentative community center. The facilities master plan looks at what the city has today and what the needs are projecting out 20 years.

Rules of Operation

Collins discussed the Rules of Operation there have been some changes that need Board approval. Section II A. Mayor was replaced with Council. Section III D., twenty-four (24) was replaced with forty-eight (48), Section III I was added – Minutes – Minutes are to be distributed one week prior to the upcoming meeting along with the agenda.

Collins stated there needed to be some clear written procedures for the minutes; when and how they are publicized, and who they are distributed to. The staff has recommended some changes. Collins stated the agenda and unapproved minutes will go on the web site one week prior to the meeting. Once the minutes are approved the “pending approval” will be removed and replaced with “approved”.

Board members discussed Section III G Guest Speakers is replaced with Hearing of Visitors, ten (10) minutes is replaced with three (3) minutes, remove if unannounced; and fifteen (15) minutes, if announced prior to the meeting, also replace unanimous with majority. Section III D removes the word “regular”. The Rules of Operation will be updated.

2007 Budget

The 2007 Budget is not finalized and will not be discussed at this meeting.

Donation Request

The Board reviewed two donation requests which have been submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department.

1. The Habitat for Humanity – OSU Campus Chapter
2. Inspector General, Department of Defense – Gahanna office

Thom made a **MOTION** that the Board support the recommendation of two Golf passes to The Habitat for Humanity – OSU Campus Chapter and four Golf passes to the Inspector General, Department of Defense – Gahanna office; seconded by Micacchion. **On roll call vote:** Miller, Yes; Thom, Yes; Tremante, Yes; Eader, Yes; Messinger, Yes; and Micacchion, Yes. Cantrell, Yes. **The motion carried 7-0 and was approved.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

None

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Collins briefly reviewed the Director's report with the Board members. Holiday Lights was discussed; community entries and volunteers are needed. Gahanna Events Office is coordinating and paying for the event.

COMMITTEES' REPORT

Creekside Development Team meeting

Ms. Micacchion was unable to attend the meetings due to work commitments. Collins discussed that the meeting was really productive and a lot of the organizations attended. CCI Creekside investment presented the Mill Street utilities project. The road is expected to be open to two-way traffic by Christmas, the sanitary is completed, and utilities are being installed. There will be a forced line with pump station that will connect to the Columbus 84 which runs through the golf course, it will be connected just south of seventh green, there will be a manhole with a small service in the ground. They are on schedule with construction and should be at full capacity when they open in fall of 07'.

Natural Resource Advisor Committee

Tremante sent out an e-mail to community members regarding the committee. He has gotten some feedback and is working on getting a meeting scheduled to establish a structure for the committee.

Bikeway Advisory Committee

Collins stated the committee has not met since their last meeting but will meet again in November or December.

Community Improvement Corporation (C.I.C.)

Stated the CIC received grant applications from four Gahanna groups; Historical Society, Gahanna Events, Herb Center and Olde Gahanna Community Partnerships. The grants will be read on November 12, 2006. This is a grant program that requested the organizations to apply; they are still testing out the process. The funds are from the Bed Tax and used to promote Gahanna.

POLL PUBLIC FOR COMMENT:

Cathy Koch commented that representatives from the Pooch Playground would like everything that is either destroyed or broken to be fixed in a timely manner.

Lori Sobul commented she loves the idea of a community center and feels it is needed.

POLL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT:

Ms. Eader commented that the Gahanna-Jefferson School Board made an initial decision on Principal Rathburn.

Ms. Eader discussed that Friday, November 3, 2006 at 9 a.m. will be the Gahanna High School memorial dedication to Gahanna Alumni Veterans. Collins stated the Veterans Memorial Park will have a dedication of bricks and a memorial service on November 11, 2006 at 11 a.m.

Justin Sanford, Athletic Facilities Director will be making a presentation at the next School Board meeting regarding the athletic facilities at the high school.

Tremante commented that The Westie Walk, Pumpkin Hunt were great. There is still the issue of parking. Tremante asked if some arrangement would be worked out with Mifflin Presbyterian Church and/or Harward Cleaners in regard to using their back lot parking spaces. The lots are normally empty during events and accessible to the park.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Board at this time, Miller made a **MOTION** to adjourn; seconded by Thom. The motion carried, unanimously.

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2006

Marlene Eader, Chairwoman